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Dear Mr. Garrison

52 Thanks for The Advertiser

just rec'd. with your letter to Dr  
Hoyt. which I have read with  
great interest. The same old  
story - repeated - night against  
night. I am looking anxiously  
for the outcome of the President's  
policy. If the South could  
understand and appreciate  
forgiveness - magnanimity -  
there would be more hope of a  
successful issue - that there  
is at present. The President's



policy seems to me, to involve  
this - to put into the offices at  
the South, the most prominent  
and influential of the rebels -  
those who were first and fore-  
most in the endeavor to destroy  
the nation - and to compel  
the loyal men and true - to  
stand back and give place!

It seems to me that this policy  
will certainly result in  
bringing to the front in our  
national government, as  
well as in every Southern  
State - the rebel element of  
the country - now - hating  
the north - and the principles of  
just and equal rights, as bitterly  
as at any time in our history.



I fear the President is slowly drifting away from the party and the men who stood by the old flag in the dark days - and is slowly drawing around him those who sought to blot the nation out from the map of the world. It seems to me that - perhaps unconsciously to himself - he is forming a policy - "my policy" - without regard to the opinions and convictions of the leading and able men of the party - in which case - the government will become personal - as Grant's was - this not for spoils and plunder.

In a few months - I think



the plan will be so far de-  
veloped that we can see  
clearly what it is to be, and  
can judge what will be the  
probable results.

Truly Yours  
Neal Dow